

1587

Watchmaking began in  
Switzerland.

Apr. 29, 1587

Cadiz

Spanish city and port on Atlantic  
English fleet under Sir Francis  
Drake (c. 1540 - Jan. 28, 1596) sank or  
captured about 30 Spanish ships  
without loss of an English ship  
or men.

English forces under Lord of Essex  
blockaded the city. 1596

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Davis(England) to Davis Strait.

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118 colonists from England arrived,  
Among them (Sir Walter Raleigh's colony)  
the parents of Virginia Dare, the  
1st English baby to be born in the  
New World. The leader of the Colony,  
John White, sailed back to England  
after a few weeks, to get more  
provisions. When he returned  
to Roanoke in 1591, he found it

deserted. The word "CROATOAN" was  
carved on a tree, and no one knows  
what happened to the settlers.

1587 Henry, Queen of Scots, beheaded.

The marriage in 1563 of Mary, Queen of Scots, to the Roman Catholic, Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley, alienated the Protestant nobility of Scotland. It also alarmed Elizabeth I of England, since Henry's descent from Margaret Tudor strengthened Mary's claim to the English throne. The murder of DARNLEY (Feb 1567) by Mary's favorite, the Earl of Bothwell (in which Mary's complicity is unproven) and her subsequent marriage to Bothwell, raised a revolt in Scotland. In 1568, Mary was forced to

abandon her Scottish Crown and take refuge in England. Her progresses, worn embarrasmed & a threat  
to her cousin Elizabeth I, who could not take her side  
by making war on the Protestant Scottish rebels. Mary  
was held captive in Fotheringay Castle, Northamptonshire,  
under the eye of the earl of Shrewsbury. A papal bull  
of 1570, which excommunicated Elizabeth & called upon  
the Catholic Monarchs of Spain & France to restrain her,  
made Mary the center of a number of plots against  
Elizabeth. Mary was guiled into implicating herself  
in the plot of the Duke of Beaufort's plot of 1586, by Sir  
Francis Walsingham, and with this evidence,  
Walsingham persuaded Elizabeth to try Mary for  
treason. She was convicted by a royal commission and,  
after Elizabeth had delayed for 4 months, executed  
Mary at Fotheringay.

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Raleigh appointed John White  
the new governor of Roanoke. White  
and 150 other men, women, children  
sailed across Albion. When they arrived  
at Roanoke, there was no sign of the  
15 men left on the island. Only 1  
skeleton remained as proof of the  
early colonists. The fort had been  
destroyed & only a few houses were  
standing.

Oct 20, 1587

Battle of Coutras  
French Huguenots under  
Henri (later King Henry IV of France)  
defeated the Catholics

1587

Mary Queen of Scots is  
beheaded.

Drake destroys Spanish shipping  
in Cadiz harbor

Sigismund, Crown prince of  
Sweden, king of Poland

Japan: Hideyoshi supremacy  
established; expulsion of  
Jesuits

February 1587

With the assent of Queen Elizabeth,  
Mary, Queen of Scots was  
beheaded.

April 1587

(English)  
Draque sailed into Cadiz, Spain  
and destroyed all the shipping  
in the harbor.

The great Armada was  
postponed for a year by this  
"suspension of the King of Spain's  
orders."

April 1587

Sir Francis Drake (1545-95)

Was trained for his wonderful career by his mentor, Sir John Hawkins. He fought the Spaniards in the West Indies, and was the first Englishman to sail round the world. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth on board the Golden Hind at Deptford.